

## REMARKS

New Claims 9-16 are under consideration and are all the claims remaining in the application.

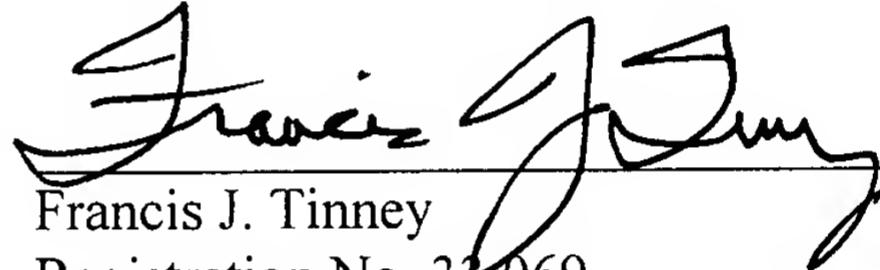
Applicant has amended the specification and inserted a new cross-reference to prior related applications.

Support for new claims 9-16 is found in the specification. Thus, support for Claim 9 is found at page 4, lines 22-24, and page 6, lines 10-14. Support for Claims 10-16 is found in original claims 2-8.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims of the current amendment captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made".

Prosecution of the instant application on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 1, delete lines 4-8.

[This application is related to and claims benefit of the following applications: International application PCT/IE00/00151 filed December 18, 2000, which claims priority from international application PCT/IE99/00133 filed December 17, 1999, all of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.]

And insert in place thereof --At page 1, delete lines 4-8 and insert in place thereof --This a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/172,614, filed June 14, 2002, now allowed, which is a continuation of PCT/IE00/00151, filed December 18, 2000, which claims benefit of PCT/IE00133, filed December 17, 1999, all of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety--.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Add new claims 9-16